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INTERFERING RNA AND SHORT HAIRPIN RNA

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 22, 2010, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. The deadline for responding to the Office Action without fees was May 22, 2010. A three-month extension of time from May 22, 2010, up to and including August 22, 2010, is hereby respectfully requested, and the extension fee of \$555.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for a small entity is being paid via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System's credit card payment option. Since August 22, 2010 falls on a Sunday, the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday (*i.e.*, Monday, August 23, 2010) shall be considered timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Monday, August 23, 2010.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Response.